

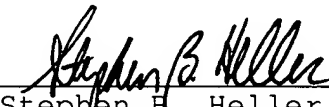
REMARKS

We are in receipt of the Office Action dated February 20, 2003, and the above amendment and following remarks are made in light thereof.

Claims 1-66 are pending in the application. Pursuant to the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that three inventions are called for in the claims, with Claims 1-41 (Group I) being drawn to an apparatus for irradiating a substrate, classified in class 218, subclass 121.6; claims 42-60 (Group II) drawn to a method for irradiating a substrate classified in class 438, subclass 487; and claims 61-66 (Group III) drawn to a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device with a TFT classified in class 438, subclass 166. The Examiner requests Applicant to make an election for examination purposes.

Accordingly, the Applicant elects the claims of Group III, namely, claims 61-66, and adds the new claims 67-85 to more fully claim the invention. Applicant requests that claims 1-60 be withdrawn from consideration without prejudice to presentation in a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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